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PATENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ishii et al. ) Group Art No.: 2651  
Application No: 09/131,941 )  
Filed: August 10, 1998 ) Examiner: Psitos  
For: "INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM..." ) Re: RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
 ) Our Ref: B-3513 616664-2/AS  
 ) Date: April 2, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated November 3, 2000. A request for a two-month extension of the term for responding accompanies this Response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17 and 18. A clean copy of amended claims 17 and 18 is shown in the next page. A marked-up copy of old claims 17 and 18 with amendments is shown in the attached appendix.